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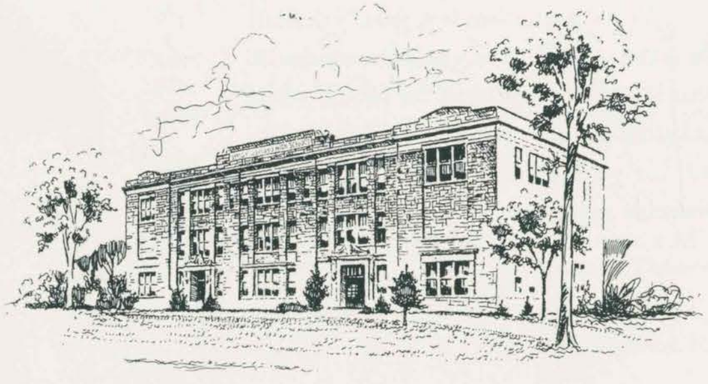

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Dedication

We, the graduation class, proudly dedicate the 1955 GREEN AND GOLD magazine to Miss Margaret A. Bliss of the faculty, whose understanding and guidance has helped make our four years at West Rutland High School profitable and pleasant.

Faculty

Principal Francis N. Hinchey--Mechanical Drawing; Superintendent; Coach; Middlebury, Yale, U.V.M.; Ph.B.; M.Ed.

Norbert D. Sevigny--Commercial Subjects, Civics; Assistant Principal; Middlebury, Providence College; B.S.; M.Ed.

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COMMERCIAL
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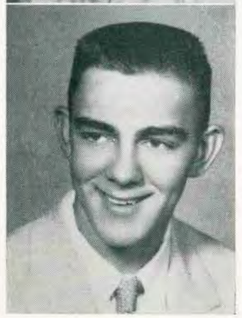

EDWARD JOSEPH FABIAN *"Sonny"*
GENERAL
Class President 2; Yearbook Staff; Dance Committee; Boys' State 3; Decorating Committee 2, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4.

WALTER JOHN GILL, JR. *"Wally"*
COLLEGE PREPARATORY
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COMMERCIAL
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LORRAINE ANN HELEBA *"Casper"*
GENERAL
Glee Club 3, 4; Christmas Concert 3, 4; Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Fashion Show 1, 2; Usher 3, 4; Yearbook Staff; All-State Chorus 3, 4.

HELEN DORIS HIER *"Jody"*
COMMERCIAL
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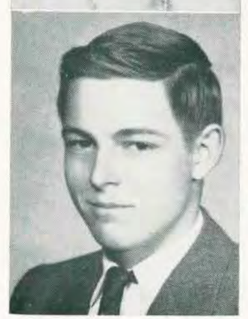

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COLLEGE PREPARATORY
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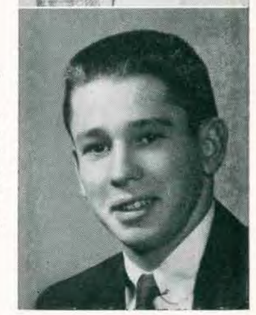
COMMERCIAL
Home Economics Club 1, 2; Glee Club 2; Christmas Concert 1, 2; Fashion Show 1, 2; Yearbook Staff.

JOHN STANLEY JANKOWSKI *"Johnny"*
COMMERCIAL
Green and Gold News 4; Yearbook Staff; Class Motto Committee; Class Flower Committee; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4.

LESTER CARL JOHNSON *"Louie"*
COLLEGE PREPARATORY
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Burlington Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Manchester Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Freshman Reception Committee 2; Dance Committee; President 1; Athletic Play 4; All-State Band 4; Class History; Yearbook Staff; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4.



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GENERAL
Honor Student; Freshman Reception Committee 2; *Green and Gold News* 3, 4; Personal Commentaries 4; Class Will 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Dance Decoration Committee 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Committee 4; Fashion Show 1, 2; Usher 3; Band 2; Minstrel 3, 4; Yearbook Staff; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, Co-Captain 4; Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Entertainment Committee 2, 3; Burlington Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Rutland Festival 2; Majorette 4; Food Committee 3; Christmas Concert 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2; Motto Committee.

DAVID ALAN JOHNSTON *"Dave"*
COMMERCIAL
Green and Gold Production 4; Scorekeeper 4; Yearbook Staff.

MARY AUGUSTINE KAPUSTA *"Cab"*
COMMERCIAL
Glee Club 2, 4; Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3; Usher 3; Typist 4; *Green and Gold News* 4; Yearbook Staff; Christmas Concert 4; Burlington Festival 4; Fashion Show 1, 2; Softball 1.

THOMAS JOHN LISTZWAN *"Tom"*
COLLEGE PREPARATORY
Freshman Reception Committee 2; Secretary-Treasurer 2, 3; Class President 4; Boys' State 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State Music Festival 4; Concert 2, 3, 4; Burlington Music Festival 2, 3; Manchester Band Festival 2, 3; Athletic Play 2, 4; Senior Play 3; Class Picnic Committee; *Green and Gold News* 3; Yearbook Staff; Prize Speaking 2, Winner 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Basketball Manager 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4.

PATRICK JOSEPH McDEVITT *"Mack"*
COMMERCIAL
Christmas Concert 2; Yearbook Staff; Scorekeeper 2, 3, 4.

SHIRLEY ANNE McGINLEY *"Shirl"*
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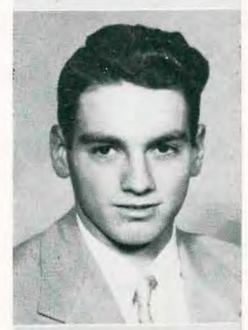
Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Fashion Show 1, 2; *Green and Gold News* 3, 4; Christmas Concert 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State Burlington Chorus 4; Yearbook Staff; Softball 1, 2.

FAYE ESTHER NELSON *"Faye"*
GENERAL
Green and Gold News Staff 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Concert 2, 3, 4; All-State Music Festival 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Majorette 4; Manchester Band Festival 2, 3, 4; Burlington Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Rutland Festival 2; Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3; Fashion Show 1, 2; Softball 1, 2; Class Treasurer 1; Yearbook Staff; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 2; Varsity Cheerleader 3; Dance Decorating Committee 3, 4; Entertainment Committee 2; Senior Play 4.



DONALD JOSEPH PARKER *"Don"*
COMMERCIAL
Band 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff; Manchester Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Burlington Music Festival 2, 3, 4.

JOHN EDGAR PETTY *"Pejoe"*
COMMERCIAL
Color Committee 4; Yearbook Staff 4.

DOREEN ANN ROSS *"Doreen"*
COLLEGE PREPARATORY
Honor Student; Home Economics Club 1, 2; Fashion Show 1, 2; Cheerleader 4; Costume Manager, Athletic Play 4; Usher 3, 4; Majorette 4; *Green and Gold News* 4; Class Pastimes; Class Flower Committee; Yearbook Staff; Senior Play 4.

FRANCIS JOSEPH SALENGO *"Sanka"*
COLLEGE PREPARATORY
Freshman Reception Committee 2; Yearbook Staff; Baseball 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Football 3, 4.

CELIA MARY SIMENTKOSKI *"Ceil"*
COMMERCIAL
Fashion Show 1, 2; Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Class History; Softball 1, 2; Christmas Concert 2, 3, 4; Class Flower Committee; Band 3, 4; Usher 3; Burlington Mauic Festival 3, 4; Manchester Music Festival 4; *Green and Gold News* 3, 4; Yearbook Staff; Transportation Committee; Senior Play 4.

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FRANCIS JOHN SMOLINSKI, Jr. *"Smoky"*
College Preparatory
Yearbook Staff; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 4.

RICHARD HENRY SMYRSKI *"Dick"*
College Preparatory
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; All-State 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Burlington Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Manchester Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Rutland Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Vice-President 2; Decorating Committee 2; Class Prophecy 4; Picnic Committee 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4.

JOHN JOSEPH SOCINSKI *"Johnny"*
College Preparatory
Band 1, 2, 3; Burlington Music Festival 2, 3; Manchester Music Festival 2, 3; Athletic Play, Manager 4; Concert 3; Yearbook Staff; Motto Committee; *Green and Gold News* 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2.

LEONARD FRANCIS SOCINSKI *"Leonard"*
College Preparatory
Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; Burlington Music Festival 2, 3; Manchester Music Festival 2, 3; Christmas Concert 1, 2, 3; Yearbook Staff; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Baseball 4.

DOROTHY ANNE STOMPER *"Dotsy"*
College Preparatory
Valedictorian; Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Economics Food Committee 3; Yearbook Staff; Music, Class Song; Usher 3; Glee Club Accompanist 1, 2, 3, 4; Burlington Music Festival 2, 3, 4; Fashion Show 1; Fashion Show Accompanist 2, 3; Concert 3, 4; *Green and Gold News* 2, 3, 4; Costume Manager, Athletic Play 4; Class Picnic Committee; Motto Committee.

JACQUELINE ANN TADE *"Jackie"*
General
Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Food Committee 2, 3; Entertainment Committee 1, 2, 3; Junior Varsity Cheerleader 1, 2; Varsity Cheerleader 3, Co-Captain 4; Dance Committee; Dance Decorating Committee 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Rutland Festival 2; Burlington Festival 2, 3, 4; Manchester Band Festival 2, 3, 4; All-State Music Festival 4; Concert 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Usher 3; Fashion Show 1, 2; *Green and Gold News* 3, Co-Editor 4; Typist 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff; Class Prophecy; Personal Commentaries 4; Senior Play 4.

WILLIAM PATRICK THOMPSON *"Tu Tu"*
College Preparatory
Class President 3; Yearbook Staff; Band 1; Decorating Committee 3; Usher 4; Junior Response 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2.

RICHARD GERALD TRETOWICZ *"Richy"*
College Preparatory
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 4; Manchester Band Festival 2, 3, 4; Burlington Festival 2, 3, 4; Rutland Festival 2, 3, 4; Athletic Play 4; Glee Club 3; Yearbook Staff; All-State Music Festival 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play.

MARGARET PATRICIA TURNER *"Marg"*
Commercial
Honor Student; Fashion Show 1, 2; Home Economics 1, 2, 3; Freshman Reception Committee 2; Entertainment Committee 2; Usher 3; *Green and Gold News* 1, 2, 3, 4, Yearbook Staff 4; Glee Club 4; Vice-President 4; Christmas Concert 4; Burlington Music Festival 4; Senior Play 4.

ELIZABETH MARY VAN GUILDER *"Betty"*
Commercial
Home Economics Club 1, 2, President 3; Fashion Show 1, 2; Usher 3; *Green and Gold News* 3, 4; Yearbook Staff; Softball 2.

RONALD STUART WERCHENSKI *"Duma"*
Commercial
Boys' State 3; Glee Club 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Burlington Music Festival 1, 2, 3, 4; Manchester Music Festival 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Concert 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff; All-State Music Festival; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOAN CARRIE WILLIAMS *"Joanny"*
College Preparatory
Fashion Show 1, 2; Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; *Green and Gold News* 4; Yearbook Staff; Color Committee.

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President's Message

As we complete our four years of high school, we leave our Alma Mater to take our places in a democratic society. This is a most difficult task, for no one knows what the future holds. Our preparation at West Rutland High School has helped us intellectually, morally and socially. This preparation was made possible by the patience and understanding of our teachers, parents and benefactors.

On behalf of the senior class, I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Hinchey and all members of the faculty for their wise advice and interest in all of us, and to our parents, who made many sacrifices in order that we could receive our secondary education.

Upon graduation, we join a long line of West Rutland High School Alumni, and I am sure we will look back from time to time and remember all our classmates, friends and teachers. We appreciate the time and patience you have given to help us over one of the greatest milestones in our lives.

THOMAS LISTZWAN

Honor Students

VALEDICTORIAN

DOROTHY ANN STOMPER

SALUTATORIAN

JANET GRACE CARLSON

High Honors

DOREEN ANN ROSS

MARGARET PATRICIA TURNER

Honors

WALTER JOHN GILL

DONALD EDWARD BERG

MARCELLETE ANN JOHNSON

Valedictory

PER ARDUA AD ASTRA--
THROUGH DIFFICULTIES TO THE HEIGHTS

After four years of arduous, yet enjoyable and profitable preparation, we now embark upon the ship of the future to sail for the heights.

We may interpret the word "heights" as the goal one is capable of attaining and the rewards he will gain as a result. The ship may be likened to the path of life and the difficulties to the many obstacles that will veer us from our path to those heights. The voyage may be more tedious for some than for others, but we may gain control of the ship by perseverance, self-sacrifice, determination and ambition.

The word "valedictorian" is taken from the Latin, "valeo," meaning farewell. We are saying farewell to our old life of dependence, our friends and teachers, and to the security afforded us by them. Now we must face an unpredictable future with maturity, courage and an earnest faith in God.

In this era of our civilization vocational opportunities are abundant. Some of us may choose professions in medicine, science, engineering or business, but whatever our calling may be, we will strive toward our goal—PER ARDUA AD ASTRA, THROUGH DIFFICULTIES TO THE HEIGHTS.

DOROTHY STOMPER

Salutatory

In behalf of the class of 1955, it is indeed a profound pleasure for me to welcome you, parents and friends of the graduating class, to our Commencement exercises.

We are honored and grateful to share the successful completion of our four years at West Rutland High School.

At this time, we wish to express our thanks to our parents and teachers for their unselfish concern in guiding us through these past four years. We shall always try to live up to your expectations, no matter what our future.

Tonight, we go forth from our beloved Alma Mater, confident that our lessons have been learned well; that we can successfully take our places in the society providence has destined for us. For this opportunity, we say, "Thank you." We will remember those lessons and carry with us cherished memories of our four years, confident that we will be representative citizens and good Americans.

Again, I extend to you a sincere welcome to the Commencement exercises of the class of 1955.

JANET CARLSON

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Literary

Class History . . . . . Celia Simentkoski, Lester Johnson

Class Prophecy . . . . . Jacqueline Tade, Richard Smyrski

Class Song . . . *Words*--Janet Carlson, *Music*--Dorothy Stomper

Class Poem . . . . . Janet Carlson

Senior Pastimes . . . . . Doreen Ross, Donald Berg

Class Will . . . . . Marcellete Johnson, Walter Gill

Class Couplets . . . . . Janet Carlson

Senior Superlatives . . . . . By Vote of Senior Class

Class Presentations . . . . . Thomas Listzwan

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Class History

1951-1952

When we, the class of 1955, started our high school days in September, 1951, we knew the time would inevitably come when we would record the final pages of our high school career. That time is now at hand as we await the final and official act of receiving our cherished diplomas at commencement exercises.

It was September, 1951, that 48 bewildered and anticipating freshmen began a new and eventful era in their lives. We were now entering high school. We were immediately faced with a new and challenging experience. Naturally, it took us some time to acclimate ourselves to the rule and regulations, studies, activities, and problems of this new life, but time, work and a sincere desire to make the most of our opportunities have paid rich dividends.

Shortly after our freshman year began, the gallant sophomores, following tradition and custom, proceeded to put us through our paces with the dreaded freshman initiations. We suffered the usual humiliations; lipstick all over our faces, bowing to the will of the upperclassmen and being generally "mis-treated" at the Freshman Reception.

It was during the first year at our Alma Mater that the West Rutland School band was organized and began the first stages in the development of a fine musical organization in our school. Fourteen of our class were members. They included Richard Smyrski, Jackie Tade, Thomas Listzwan, Donald Parker, Marcy Johnson, Celia Simentkoski, Leonard Socinski, Lester Johnson, Richard Tretowicz, Faye Nelson, John Socinski, Walter Gill, Ronald Werchenski and Edward Hults.

Named president of our class at the freshman elections was Lester Johnson. Charles Blanchard was chosen vice-president and Faye Nelson, secretary-treasurer.

Football, the rugged sport that it is, failed to deter a number of freshman boys. Our class contributed William Thompson, John Socinski, Edward Hults, Walter Gill, Thomas Listzwan, Ronald Werchenski, Lester Johnson, Richard Smyrski and Edward Fabian.

To lend moral support to the athletes, on the cheerleading squad were two classmates, Marcy Johnson and Jackie Tade, who were named to the Junior Varsity group.

With the final grid game over, interest soon turned to basketball. Again the class of 1955 was well represented on the squad. Eleven boys began practice and took part in most of the Junior Varsity contests during the season. They were—Dick Smyrski, Edward Fabian, Lester Johnson, Frank Salengo, John Socinski, Frank Smolinski, Richard Tretowicz, Ronald Werchenski, Leonard Socinski and Edward Hults.

The school band made its debut at a spring concert, and it was gratifying to note the great progress made in the few short months of work.

Finally, came baseball and the freshman boys who participated in this sport were Ronald Werchenski, Tommy Harrison, Lester Johnson, Edward Fabian and Dick Smyrski.

The annual Fashion Show, presented by the Home Economics department, was held during the commencement week program. Freshman girls participating were Faye Nelson, Margaret Turner, Celia Simentkoski, Marcy Johnson, Betty Van Guilder, Janet Carlson, Joan Williams, Jackie Tade, Frances Hyjek, Shirley McGinley, Rosemarie Harte, Mary Kapusta, Lorraine Heleba, Dorothy Stomper and Doreen Ross.

June came soon and the depraved, scorned freshmen closed the text books and made great plans for September when we would be upperclassmen.

1952-1953

A refreshing summer vacation put us in the mood to assume the role of sophisticated sophomores in September, 1952.

At class election Edward Fabian was chosen president, Saundra Fredette, vice-president, and Tom Listzwan, secretary-treasurer.

Football practice started and our class was represented by Ed Fabian, Dick Smyrski, John Socinski, Bill Thompson, Ronnie Werchenski, Tom Listzwan, Tom Harrison, Pete Hults, and Louie Johnson. Ed Fabian won a position on the starting eleven.

Now the time came for us to gain revenge on the freshmen, and at the annual reception we proceeded to put the yearlings through the proper initiations. Members of the reception committee were Ed Fabian, Marcy Johnson, Frank Salengo, Margaret Turner, Tom Listzwan, Saundra Fredette, Janet Carlson and Lester Johnson.

During the fall term the band rehearsed diligently for the Christmas Concert, and the program met with overwhelming approval.

Miss Jean Brigham of the English department issued a call for thespians in the Athletic Play, "*I'm A Family Crisis.*" Tom Listzwan and Walter Gill won roles in the farce-comedy and gave commendable performances.

Basketball again took the sports spotlight, but none of our class made the first ten. However, we were well represented on the Junior Varsity by John Socinski, Dick Smyrski, Ed Fabian, Ronnie Werchenski, Richie Tretowicz, and Lester Johnson. The JV cheerleaders added color and pep to our games. Those on the squad from our class were Jackie Tade, Marcy Johnson and Faye Nelson.

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The mid-year examination period soon crept upon us as the faculty sought to learn how much knowledge we had absorbed in the first semester of our sophomore year. Everyone buckled to cramming hard for the battle of the books, and most of us breathed more easily after reports were issued.

After the regular basketball season, Mr. Hinchey readied freshmen and sophomores for the annual Rutland tournament. In the first game, WRHS came out on the long end of a thrilling victory over Brandon. However, Rutland High nosed out our team in the semi-finals by three points.

The team was sparked by "Big" Ed Fabian, "Driving" John Socinski, "Tricky" Dick Smyrski, "Set Shot" Ronnie Werchenski, and "Scrappy" Louie Johnson. They were backed by "Lardy" Tom Listzwan, and Richie "Knitter" Tretowicz.

The baseball team was well represented by sophomores with Ed Fabian, Ronnie Werchenski, and Louie Johnson making the Varsity nine, while Tom Harrison, a good reserve catcher, saw considerable action.

Two sophomores, Tom Listzwan and Walter Gill, were selected to take part in the Prize Speaking Contest in June and performed like seasoned actors. Gill's selection was "Midshipman Easy" and Listzwan gave "The Country Editor."

The school year was just about over except for final examinations for which everyone studied hard. With the tests completed, everyone, including the teachers, were ready for a well-deserved summer vacation.

1953-1954

In September 1953, we began our third year. Everyone came back with a bright smile, hoping to make the third year a prosperous and profitable one.

It took a few weeks before we settled down and returned to normal. Our first formal act as juniors was to name officers for the year. We elected William Thompson, president; Richard Smyrski, vice-president and Thomas Listzwan, secretary-treasurer.

Autumn also brought back the football season. Dick Smyrski, Sonny Fabian, Tommy Listzwan, William Thompson, Lester Johnson, Tommy Harrison, Pete Hults, Johnny Socinski, Ronnie Werchenski and Richard Tretowicz from our class saw action in the Marble Valley league campaign.

The Second Annual Band and Glee Club Concert was held shortly before the Christmas holiday. Band members from the class of '55 who took part were Walter Gill, Jacqueline Tade, Dick Smyrski, Faye Nelson, John Socinski, Thomas Listzwan, Donald Parker, Leonard Socinski, Richard Tretowicz, Ronald Werchenski and Lester Johnson.

Glee Club members from our class included Shirley McGinley, Rosemarie Harte, Thomas Listzwan, Faye Nelson, John Socinski, Celia Simentkoski, Ronald Werchenski, Marcy Johnson, Leonard Socinski, Richard Tretowicz and Lorraine Heleba.

The affair was conducted under the joint leadership of Mr. Napoleon Ianni, band director, and Miss Margaret A. Bliss of the faculty.

One of our classmates, John Socinski, won a starting position on the WRHS basketball team, while three others earned assignments on the varsity squad. They included Edward Fabian, Dick Smyrski, and Lester Johnson.

On the Junior Varsity were Richard Tretowicz, Pete Hults, Frank Smolinski, Ronnie Werchenski and Frank Salengo.

On April 8th, the West Rutland High School Band held a spring concert. Members of the band from our class included Ronald Werchenski, John Socinski, Dick Smyrski, Jackie Tade, Walter Gill, Faye Nelson, Thomas Listzwan, Donald Parker, Leonard Socinski, Richard Tretowicz and Lester Johnson.

The Band traveled to Manchester during the month of May and took part in the annual Music Festival. The band and glee club appeared together for the first time at the State Music Festival in Burlington on May 8, and it was an exciting and worthwhile experience. Band members who participated in both festivals were Ronald Werchenski, Jackie Tade, John Socinski, Dick Smyrski, Faye Nelson, Walter Gill, Richard Tretowicz, Donald Parker, Thomas Listzwan, Leonard Socinski and Lester Johnson.

Glee Club members from our class included Rosemarie Harte, Lorraine Heleba, Ronald Werchenski, Celia Simentkoski, Marcy Johnson, Thomas Listzwan, Shirley McGinley, Leonard Socinski, Faye Nelson and Richard Tretowicz.

The Brandon and West Rutland High School Bands held a joint concert on May 13th in the West Rutland High School gymnasium.

The senior ranks were thin when it came to male acting talent and two juniors, Tom Listzwan and Walter Gill completed the cast for the production, "*Damsels in Distress.*" The comedy was directed by Miss Bliss.

The juniors on the baseball team were Ronald Werchenski, Edward Fabian, Thomas Harrison and Lester Johnson and the squad enjoyed a successful season.

The Junior Class elected Rosemarie Harte, Ronald Werchenski, Edward Fabian and Thomas Listzwan to represent West Rutland High School at the Annual Girls' and Boys' State Convention in June.

Wally Gill and Thomas Listzwan participated in the Annual Prize Speaking Contest. Listzwan's selection, "Frapped Football" won first prize. Gill gave "Tommy Stearns at the Library."

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1954-1955

Last September, we began our final year at West Rutland High School.

Class elections were held shortly after school re-opened. Thomas Listzwan was elected president, Margaret Turner, vice-president, Walter Gill, secretary and Richie Tretowicz, treasurer.

The football season got underway with good representation from the class of '55. Thirteen boys were on the squad. They were Ed Fabian, Dick Smyrski, Ronnie Werchenski, Tom Listzwan, Frank Smolinski, Tom Harrison, Lester Johnson, John Socinski, Richie Tretowicz, Frank Salengo, John Jankowski, Pete Hults, Bill Thompson, and Leonard Socinski.

On the football varsity cheering squad from our class were Jackie Tade and Marcy Johnson, co-captains; Doreen Ross, Janet Carlson, and Fay Nelson.

The class of 1955 holds the distinction of being the first in our school's history to publish a printed yearbook. We hope our attempt at such a publication meets with the full approval and admiration of our fellow classmates and Alumni.

Tryouts were held in the fall for the Athletic Play, "*Listen to Lester.*" Four members of our class participated. In the cast were Tom Listzwan, Richard Tretowicz, Walter Gill, and Lester Johnson. The farce-comedy was successfully directed by Miss Margaret A. Bliss of the faculty.

At Christmas time, the West Rutland Band presented its fourth annual holiday concert. Our class had ten members in the band. They were Ronald Werchenski, Walter Gill, Celia Simentkoski, Faye Nelson, Donald Parker, Thomas Listzwan, Richard Tretowicz, Richard Smyrski, Jacqueline Tade, and Lester Johnson.

Following mid-year examinations, seven of our classmates received academic honors for the four years. Dorothy Stomper was named Valedictorian and Janet Carlson, Salutatorian. Other high honor students were Doreen Ross and Margaret Turner. Honor seniors were Walter Gill, Donald Berg, and Marcy Johnson.

Answering the call from our class on the basketball squad were John Socinski, Dick Smyrski, Ed Fabian, Les Johnson, Ronnie Werchenski, Richie Tretowicz and Frank Salengo on the varsity squad and, Frank Smolinski, Pete Hults, and Leonard Socinski on the J. V. club. The Cheerleaders from the senior class were Marcy Johnson, Jackie Tade, Doreen Ross and Janet Carlson.

The Seniors selected "*Bolts and Nuts*" as the class play. The hilarious comedy was presented in March and was well received. Members of the cast were Margaret Turner, Celia Simentkoski, Jacqueline Tade, Doreen Ross, Rose Marie Harte, Faye Nelson, Walter Gill, Richard Tretowicz, Thomas Listzwan, Edward Hults, Richard Smyrski, and Lester Johnson.

Class Prophecy

Recently one of my class associates and I were discussing the probability of Home Tele-Vue, the most modern and revealing outgrowth of television. I was rather embarrassed by my ignorance of the ingenious mechanism and its intricate operations and decided to visit the nearest laboratory testing bureau to learn more about it.

On close inspection of one of the sleek devices, I was astounded that a push of a button on a name selector, one could contact anyone at a moment's notice, wherever he might be.

Suddenly, I realized that today is the 20th anniversary of our graduation from high school. Wouldn't it be a novel experience to try and locate each member of the class of 1955? It struck me as strange how in all these years how easy it has been to lose sight of all our classmates. Thus, I decided to try the Vue machine and look in on the members of the class of '55. To be sure I forgot no one, I hurried home and took out my copy of *The Green and Gold Magazine*. As I thumbed through the pages, looking at the bright, young and shining faces, I tried to imagine what they would be like today. That did it! Off I went, back to the Bureau to take part in a never-to-be-forgotten adventure.

As I rushed into the building in my excitement, I suffered an embarrassing incident. Turning the corner, but looking the other way, I crashed broadside into a man, carrying what seemed to be tons of glass. We both went crashing to the floor, and as soon as I could get up, without even excusing myself, I was on my way. I then took my position in front of the machine and pressed the first button.

The first person I called was Patrick McDevitt. He was now an owner and operator of the Green Cat, a swank night club in sunny southern California. I could see him as he rushed from place to place seeing that everyone was comfortable and having an enjoyable evening. As a specialty, "Pat, the pride of Vermont" as his advertisement read, greeted customers with his special lavender Champagne, free to all Green Mountain patrons.

Then, I contacted the newlyweds, Tom Listzwan and Doreen Ross. Tom, a well-known actor, recently starred in the latest Broadway hit, "Bottom Banana." Doreen had discovered a new hair coloring for women and was widely known throughout the country.

Donald Berg, one of the leading members of our class, I learned had speculated heavily in the stock market and plunged his assets in Oklahoma oil wells. Five years ago, he struck a gusher, and from latest reports his fabulous wealth had reached forty million. As a birthday present to his wife, the former Shirley McGinley, Don gave her a platinum Cadillac with diamond encrusted interior paneling. The leopard skin upholstery was the envy of everyone in the state.

I then viewed Leonard Socinski. He was now a Lieutenant in the Royal Mounted Police. His slogan was, "We always get our man, even if King loses the scent." In his spare time, Len has organized his own bee-bop band that serenades the Canadian lumberjacks twice each month on Saturday night.

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I was surprised at how easy it was to locate everyone. It was fun to see how everyone had changed in twenty years. We planned to go right through the list and already had a good start.

My next call went to Donald Parker and his wife, the former Frances Hyjek. They were running a rabbit farm in New Hampshire which was prospering. Frances designed coats and Donald provided the fur. It really was getting results.

I then located John Jankowski, and his wife, the former Joan Williams. Joan was the well-known lecturer on, "Why a Machine for Solving Algebra Problems Should be Invented." John has long since been a famous millionaire running a prosperous dude ranch out West.

I could see Margaret Turner and Richard Tretowicz at work in his ultra-modern office. Rich was a Professor of English Literature at Harvard University, and Marg was secretary. They seemed to get along very well together as she was taking a letter in shorthand in her usual adept manner.

Next, I visited Frank Smolinski and his wife, Mary Kapusta. He had just returned from an African Safari and his children and wife were all dressed in some of the newest styles in furs. Mary's latest was a very becoming leopard skin coat, with matching accessories.

Celia Simentkoski and William Thompson were seen dining at the exclusive Club 21 in New York. I could see that Ceil's pet poodle had somehow managed to get away and was chasing William up the stairway. The proprietor finally managed to get everything under control and they continued dining, although somewhat embarrassed.

General David Johnston of the United States Marine Corps and Rosemarie Harte were also out "on the town." David, on leave from Bedloe's Island, looked sharp in uniform, and still sported the rosy cheeks and shy smile. Rosemarie, who was wearing a lovely fucia gown and ermine fur cape, was just getting her balance. It seems that her gown was a little too long and she tripped as she and Dave began to dance.

John Socinski and his wife, the former Janet Carlson, were next on my list. They were spending a "quiet" evening at home with their two sets of adorable twins. All of Johnny's spare time went into musical arrangements for the orchestra and taking his turn walking the twins to sleep.

I then pressed the button directing us to Mr. Francis Hinchey, our school principal. We dropped in on a practice session of the Golden Terriers, a west coast professional football team. The Terriers were a cinch to clinch the Pacific Coast Crown. Six of his squad were ex-West Rutland stars. Mr. Hinchey hadn't changed much except for the addition of about thirty pounds.

I could see Marcy Johnson and Sonny Fabian as they attended a banquet for the former football players of Notre Dame. Marcy, a teacher at the University of Vermont, was now spending her spare time organizing Pep Rallies for the cheerleaders. Sonny had just been named assistant coach of West Rutland High School.

Ronny Werchenski and his wife, the former Dorothy Stomper were also spending a quiet evening at home. Dotsy, now assistant to Albert Einstien, was knitting an adorable baby sweater. Ronny was chief Road Commissioner for the town of Chippenhook. He certainly looked contented as he read through a small black book that looked about twenty years old.

I then saw Lorraine Heleba and Frank Salengo, who were attending a meeting in the Ira Town Hall. They were discussing the boundary line of some of their property used for a cow pasture. Lorraine was now owner and operator of a swank beauty salon which was now known all over Chippenhook and Ira. Frank bought and sold blue mink coats.

I tuned in Faye Nelson just in time to see her give a performance on her weekly television show on C B S. She was a famous star of motion pictures and television who had recently received an Academy Award for her latest picture, "The Loves and Losses of Faye Nelson," the story of her life. She was now singing one of the latest hit tunes.

I could then see Lester Johnson and Betty VanGuilder as they were leaving a movie theater. Lester was the seller of "Model Z" cars and has made a small fortune. Betty had prospered in her beauty salon for poodle dogs. The latest fad was pink dye for poodle tails. Lester had driven his newest charcoal grey and pink convertible and was arguing with a police officer over a parking ticket.

Helen Hier, a teacher at Michigan State College, was doing gymnastics in the recreation room of her campus apartment. This was her fifteenth year of teaching, so she couldn't afford to miss those very important daily exercises.

Walter Gill, voted "Best Dressed Man in America," was giving a lecture on, "Why Appearance is Important to the Businessman." He had just invested part of his fortune in the Empire State Building. His audience was very attentive as he modeled various outfits for the businessman.

John Petty, a car dealer well-known throughout Vermont, was busy playing a game of pool at Joe's Pool Emporium. Right now, he certainly looked happy as he collected money from his opponents. This was one of his favorite pastimes and he was really getting to be quite a pro.

As I adjusted my set, I could see Edward Hults, noted animal biologist, looking for specimens in the forest. He had recently made a small fortune selling a collection of rare butterflies. Right now, he was taking time out to catch up on some sleep and looked annoyed at the busy bumble bee as it buzzed around his head.

As I look down the list I see there are only a few names left. I am now contacting Richard Smyrski and Jackie Tade, voted best actor and actress in Hollywood. Richard, who has the lead in "*Desert Song*", is now singing one of the latest hit tunes of the day, "Open the Door, Richard." Jackie, who also has a leading role, is getting ready for her next entrance. She is having some difficulty with her hair. The blond sheen is showing some dark streaks which she is desperately trying to conceal. All in all, it looks as though they are going to give an excellent performance.

Last on the list is Tommy Harrison. As he comes into focus, we see that he is owner and operator of a huge lumber camp in Whipple Hollow. Some of the finest specimens of wood are turned out from his camp. Right now, he is with a group of workers who are playing a rugged game of poker. It seems they are arguing over the appearance of six aces in the deck.

As I turn off the set, I find that the time spent was well worthwhile. It was really wonderful to see all of my classmates again. I hope that I will have the opportunity of once again looking up all of my old friends and find them just as prosperous as they are right now.

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Class Song

Tonight four years we bid adieu,
Our happy high school days are through.
But Westside High we'll e'er recall,
In summer, winter, spring, or fall.

Chorus
As we depart dear Westside High--
With a sad and fond goodbye,
We, the class of fifty-five
Will, ever in the future, strive.

Our thanks to each and everyone,
These past four years are done.
Each memory we'll hold so dear,
Throughout the future, far or near.

Words by: Janet G. Carlson
Music by: Dorothy A. Stomper

Class Poem

Graduation Day is here,
Four years have come and gone.
But Westside High will e'er be near
With happy memories that linger on.

These past four years, we don't regret,
With happiness and tears combined.
Our teachers and friends, we won't forget,
In the future days sublime.

As we go forth upon this night
With our futures still unknown,
We'll try to do just what is right
With the help of God and not alone.

By Janet Carlson

Senior Pastimes

Donald Berg--seemed to have quite an interest in Castleton Corners lately. It's not a girl, is it, Donny?

Janet Carlson--tried to round up all the news for the *Green and Gold* a little early so she won't get gray hair worrying whether or not it will be out on time.

Sonny Fabian--devoted much of his time to teasing girls. You always made out all right in the end though, didn't you?

Walter Gill--spent most of his time on Fairview Avenue. Of course, that's where Dutchy lives.

Tommy Harrison--kept pretty much to himself. Why so quiet, Tom? We know you can talk.

Rosemarie Harte--listened to "Requestfully Yours" every day. She also spent some time writing for the *Green and Gold News*.

Lorraine Heleba--was always out riding in a gray Dodge. What's his name, Lorraine?

Helen Hier--had the job as chauffeur for the past two years. We wonder who will take her place next fall.

Edward Hults--kept the boys happy with his tall tales and "believe-it-or-not" stories.

Frances Hyjek--patiently waited to hear from Tommy McGuire. It was fine while it lasted, wasn't it, Frannie?

Johnny Jankowski--spent most of his time keeping quiet. What's that saying—"Closed mouths capture no flies"?

Lester Johnson--had two pastimes—dancing and Patty (or are they inseparable?)

Marcy Johnson--was always trying to arouse school spirit. Marcy certainly had it. She was always right up front cheering our boys on to victory.

David Johnston--that timid, blue-eyed lad, spent most of his spare time in the study hall looking at the freshman girls.

Mary Kapusta--seemed to keep pretty much to herself. Looks can often be deceiving as was proved in this case.

Tommy Listzwan--was often seen riding around Clarendon Avenue. You'll never guess why!

Shirley McGinley--was also a faithful listener of "Requestfully Yours." She chummed around with Rosemarie Harte.

Pat McDevitt--had quite an interest in school activities lately. We wonder if it was something more than school spirit!

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Faye Nelson--was always quite busily occupied. Oh well! We always said there was no better pastime than dreaming.

Donald Parker--could be seen talking to Edith Cameron every noon. The bell seemed to ring too soon most of the time, didn't it, Donny?

John Petty--spent much of his time tinkering around *Clarabelle*. *Clarabelle* is his car, in case you didn't know.

Doreen Ross--used most of her spare time either studying or talking with Dotsy Stomper. She seemed to do very well at both.

Frank Salengo--was often seen in the chem lab making distilled water. You may work up a profitable business, Frank. They say distilled water sells for about 15¢ per gallon.

Celia Simentkoski--enjoyed pulling jokes on her classmates. A good laugh never hurt anyone, did it, Celia?

Frank Smolinski--always said, "There's nothing like a good hunting trip." Did you ever see anything interesting in the woods, Smoky?

Dick Smyrski--with Dick, that ball was always "up a-n-n-n-d in!" You never got tired of playing ball, did you, Dick?

Johnny Socinski--devoted his time to music and Jan. You'll get Two Master's Degrees if you keep it up, Johnny.

Leonard Socinski--spent his time keeping quiet. Leonard is also a firm believer in the saying, "Closed mouths capture no flies."

Dotsy Stomper--the young lady who found it pretty difficult to get to school on time, spent every free minute studying her chemistry. It may come in handy in your nurses' training course, Dotsy.

Jackie Tade--reserved her evenings thinking of a different "certain someone."

William Thompson--put his spare time to good use trying to increase his knowledge. Too much studying never hurt anyone, Tutu.

Richie Tretowicz--amused himself by kidding the underclassmen.

Margaret Turner--must have suffered a great deal from writer's cramp. How many times a day did you write to him, Marg?

Betty VanGuilder--was always trying to find someone to copy from. Must be she didn't read Ralph Waldo Emerson's "*Self Reliance*."

Ronny Werchenski--girls! Need we say more, Ronny?

Joan Williams--was kept pretty busy getting her algebra problems finished on time.

Class Will

Donald Berg leaves his kind personality and his ability to help others to Roger Menard. Hope you can keep up Don's record.

Janet Carlson wills her position as editor of the *Green and Gold News* to anyone not allergic to work.

Edward Fabian bequeaths his basketball shoes to Johnny Broza. We feel you really fill them, John.

Walter Gill wills his sports writing ability to Philip Jarrosiak. You have a good start, Phil.

Thomas Harrison cedes his almighty strength to Paul Johnson. Let's hope you can line the fields as well as Tom did, Squeeks.

Rosemarie Harte donates her warm and tender smile to Cecile LaVictoire. Rose always said, "Smile and the World Smiles with You."

Lorraine Heleba donates her job at Jean's Beauty Parlor to Nancy Chapman. Lorraine always found the work very interesting and we hope you will too, Nancy.

Helen Hier leaves her parking space back of the school to Priscilla Janas. Helen always managed to get into it.

Edward Hults yields his handicap of not being able to drive left-handed to Skip Pietryka. Carry on, Skip.

Frances Hyjek bequeaths her artistic ability to Faye Humphreys. Frannie was always a great help to us in making posters. We hope you will uphold her reputation, Faye.

John Jankowski leaves his quiet and well-mannered attitude to Valentine Jakubowski. Keep up the good behavior, Val, maybe you can get by one year without any D's in conduct.

Lester Johnson wills his dancing ability to Joe Mackerney. Lester could always cut a fancy rug, Joe, let's see how well you do.

Marcy Johnson leaves her cheering ability to Betty Haven. Marcy always managed to keep up the team's spirits. Let's see you do the same, Betty.

David Johnston relinquishes his shyness to Richard Smith. Dave always kept his distance with girls, Dickie. We'd like to see you try now.

Mary Kapusta wills her ability to take shorthand to Carol Grabowski. You'll have to go some to beat Mary's record, Carol.

Thomas Listzwan donates his flashy pink sport-shirt to Bobby Wener. You always did go in for exotic dressing, Bob.

Shirley McGinley wills her lady-like manner to Dorothy Turner. Don't forget that practice makes perfect, Dorothy.

Faye Nelson bequeaths her sparkling personality to Marilyn Johnson. Faye was always the life of the party, and from all reports you are following in her footsteps, Marilyn.

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Donald Parker leaves his long hike home to anyone who feels he needs the exercise and fresh air. See what a little activity did for Don?

John Petty bequeaths his Sunoco cap to Richie Marchinkowski. John is going to open a chain of gas stations, so he has no use for it.

Doreen Ross leaves her sister Mary to Mr. Hinchey. If you are as quiet as Doreen, Mary, he won't even know you are around.

Francis Salengo gives his mania to destroy chemistry equipment to Rene Bourassa. Rene is always eyeing that lab with a lusty look.

Celia Simentkoski wills her job of running off tests for Miss Hinchey to anyone who doesn't mind inky hands.

Frank Smolinski leaves Mr. Hinchey his brother Bob. Cheer up, Mr. Hinchey, he still has another year to go in grammar school.

Richard Smyrski bequeaths the red Buick to his sister, Dolores. Dick always made it to Edgerton Street. We feel you might get to North Main Street before it runs out of gas, Dodo.

John Socinski leaves his height and position on the basketball team to Albert Bania. The job of being center will be an honorable position, Al.

Leonard Socinski imparts his senior home room seat to Jimmy Yatsik. Leonard and Miss Hinchey always got along fine and we think you can also, Jim

Dorothy Stomper bequeaths her brains to Beverly Parkman. We hope they work as well for you as they did for Dotsy, Beverly.

Jackie Tade donates her long telephone conversations to Mary Lib Costello. We trust that you won't stay on the telephone quite as long as Jackie did, Mary.

William Thompson wills Mr. Zawistowski a certain fisherman's paradise on the Castleton River. Now you don't have any competition, Mr. Z.

Margaret Turner wills her long walk home to Teresa Lanthier. Now maybe you won't be in school so soon every day, Teresa.

Richard Tretowicz gives Mr. Zawistowski peace and quiet the last period in the morning in the study hall. Wait a minute—there are still some freshmen, Mr. Z.

Ronald Werchenski leaves his long list of juicy, and refined jokes to anyone who can make as much use of them as Ronnie did.

Joan Williams leaves her ability in mathematics to Beatrice Elari. If you do as well as Joan, Bea, you are bound to win honors.

Elizabeth VanGuilder leaves her reputation as a one man's girl to anyone who can stick to one boy and appreciate him as well as she did.

Class Couplets

Donald Berg--Always willing with a helping hand,
That's why we think that he is grand.

Janet Carlson--Ambitious, helpful, dependable, too,
Short and sweet, only five-feet two.

Edward Fabian--Sturdy, manly and full of vim,
Girls are always attracted to him.

Walter Gill--With his friendly, infectious grin,
Many friends he's certain to win.

Thomas Harrison--Quiet, reserved and a good athlete,
This combination is hard to beat.

Rosemarie Harte--Friendly, likeable, humorous, gay,
Ready to help in any way.

Lorraine Heleba--Here is a girl both clever and sweet,
Her carefree manner is really a treat.

Helen Hier--She never had too much to say,
Yet she was with us every day.

Edward Hults--Hunting and fishing—hobbies by favor,
From his duty, he'll never waver.

Frances Hyjek--Full of laughter, short and small,
Always alert to answer a call.

John Jankowski--He takes in stride life's ups and downs,
With easy determination and no frowns.

Lester Johnson--A wonderful dancer, light on his feet,
This well-dressed boy is always neat.

Marcy Johnson--She is our popularity gal,
Sincere and kind, everyone's pal.

David Johnston--A shy grin and eyes of blue,
Make him a friend both tried and true.

Mary Kapusta--With a quiet manner and a real warm smile,
She's known to be happy all the while.

Thomas Listzwan--This sturdy boy is a leader, true,
Quite unpredictable, but comical, too.

Patrick McDevitt--Helpful, honest, never grim,
That is why we all like him.

Shirley McGinley--This young miss with her ladylike way,
Has a friendship that's here to stay.

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Faye Nelson--Friendly, comical and always carefree,
She's the best pal there ever could be.

Donald Parker--Witty, snappy, with a wonderful voice,
For a great pal, he's our number one choice.

John Petty--Driving about in his jitney car,
He spreads his humor near and far.

Doreen Ross--Reserved, friendly and a lot of fun,
Sterling qualities wrapped up in one.

Francis Salengo--A peaceful fellow with little to say,
But he's a great friend in every way.

Celia Simentkoski--Witty, vivacious, the life of a party,
Always getting laughs which prove to be hearty.

Francis Smolinski--A sportsman true in every way,
Quiet and friendly from day to day.

Richard Smyrski--He showed up in every sport,
Small and mighty, a friendly sort.

John Socinski--Tall and terrific, that's what he is,
Loads of fun and a basketball whiz.

Leonard Socinski--Sober but not serious, as the record shows,
He will make friends where'ere he goes.

Dorothy Stomper--Studious, ambitious, the brain of our class,
Our pride and joy is this little lass.

Jacqueline Tade--Talkative, vivacious, full of vigor and vim,
Here is a girl who is neat and trim.

Richard Tretowicz--Tall and dark, with a smile so fair,
Happy-go-lucky without a care.

William Thompson--Studious, dependable, one of the best,
He knows all the answers for any test.

Margaret Turner--Her smile is like a ray of sun,
She's cordial, friendly and full of fun.

Elizabeth VanGuilder--She always made a hit,
With her laughter and her wit.

Ronald Werchenski--Always traveling from place to place,
So everyone knows his friendly face.

Joan Williams--Subtle, studious, reading her book,
Ready for any test that she took.

Senior Superlatives

	BOY	GIRL
Most Popular Senior	Richard Smyrski (1)	Marcy Johnson (1)
Most Likely to Succeed	Thomas Listzwan Donald Berg (2)	Dorothy Stomper (2)
Best Dressed	Walter Gill (3)	Jackie Tade (3)
Most Studious	William Thompson (4)	Dorothy Stomper (4)
Most Dignified	John Jankowski (5) William Thompson	Shirley McGinley (5)
Done Most for Class	Donald Berg (6)	Janet Carlson (6)
Best Athlete	Edward Fabian (7)	
Best Actor	Thomas Listzwan (8)	
Most Ambitious	Donald Berg (9)	Janet Carlson (9)
Best Personality	Richard Smyrski (10)	Margaret Turner (10)
Most Versatile	Edward Fabian (11)	Jackie Tade (11) Betty VanGuilder
Neatest	Walter Gill (12)	Marcy Johnson (12)
Class Wit	Leonard Socinski (13)	Celia Simentkoski (13)

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Class Presentations

Donald Berg--An apron and can of ink to remind you of the many times you fed the mimeograph machine.

Janet Carlson--A miniature trombone. Now you can make beautiful music together.

Frank Smolinski--A copy of "*Field and Stream.*" You always were the sportsman of the class, Frankie.

Faye Nelson--A ring chain. It would be a shame to get all those rings mixed up, wouldn't it?

William Thompson--A card of bobby pins to keep the hair out of your eyes.

Helen Hier--A car—just in case that Chevy breaks down.

Tom Listzwan--A joke book—not that you really need it, but "variety is the spice of life."

Lester Johnson and Sonny Fabian--Twin beds, so you won't have to share one anymore, boys.

Marcy Johnson--A book of stamps—need we say more?

Edward Hults--A new gun, so you can live up to your title as "Hawkeye."

Mary Kapusta--A shorthand pad. You always did run out of paper, didn't you, Mary?

Tom Harrison--A thumb protector to keep it warm on the cold mornings. You always did hitch-hike to school, didn't you?

Celia Simentkoski--A Driver's manual. It's so easy to forget all those rules.

Walter Gill--A new pair of soles for your shoes. You always did wear them out coming to and from Clarendon Avenue.

Rosemarie Harte--A key to Woolworth's, just in case you lose yours.

Richie Tretowicz--A new crocheting hook. Now you can live up to your title as the "Knitter." Keep up the good work, Richie.

Margaret Turner--A one-way ticket to Speculator, New York. Those tickets run into money, don't they, Marg?

Ronny Werchenski--A supplement to your little black book, you were always the ladies' man, weren't you, Ronnie?

Dotsy Stomper--A pair of glasses. We wouldn't want you to strain those pretty eyes studying at college.

Richard Smyrski--A life time membership to the "I Love Rutland Girls Club."

Shirley McGinley--A set of artificial nails. Shirl never could understand why it took so long for them to grow.

John Jankowski--A picture of Marilyn Monroe. You never gave those girls a chance, did you?

Jackie Tade--A memo pad. It's hard to keep all those names and faces straight, isn't it, Jackie?

Leonard Socinski--A piece of music. Now you can give Benny Goodman competition, Leonard.

Doreen Ross--An alarm clock. Morning comes early, doesn't it?

Frank Salengo--A firecracker. Maybe this will wake you from that trance you always seem to be in.

Frances Hyjek--A set of colored pencils. All that poster work must have worn down all the old ones.

Johnny Socinski--A bicycle. Now he won't have to walk to Whipple Hollow any more.

Joan Williams--A book. Reading broadens the mind and passes the time effectively, Joan.

David Johnston--A megaphone. Now you can be heard as well as seen.

Lorraine Heleba--A Proctor bus schedule. You can't depend on car service all the time.

Donald Parker--A contract with the Coca-Cola Company to replace Eddie Fisher when he retires.

Betty VanGuilder--A ship—to remind you of that certain someone.

Patrick McDevitt--A package of staples. Now you won't have to look for them when you fix the scoreboard, Pat.

John Petty--A set of tools. Now you can hit the highway in your Model A with confidence.

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Class of 1956

First row: Priscilla Janas, Josephine Jakubowski, Beatrice Elari, Mary Costello, James Yatsik, Nancy Chapman, Dorothy Turner, Beverly Parkman and Mary Mumford.

Second row: Mary Krysztofik, Catherine McNamara, Barbara Boucher, Carol Grabowski, Mary Zygo, Leona Wierzbicki, Susan Fadden, Martha Alexander, Helen Poczobut and Theresa Canavan.

Third row: Valentine Jakubowski, Stanley Pietryka, John Broza, Thomas Harte, John Crossman and William Pecor.

Class of 1957

First row: Mary Ann Porter, Theresa Swierzewski, Dolores Smyrski, Dolores Tumielewicz, Cecile LaVictorie, Roger Menard, Janet Ravenna, Teresa Lanthier, Faye Humphreys, Mary Ann Pluta, and Sara Trombley.

Second row: Margaret Reil, Joan Woodbury, Joan McDevitt, Leona Jankowsky, Carol Lanfear, Faith Weaver, Genevieve Vassau, Jill Bianchi, and Marylin Johnson.

Third row: Paul Johnson, Albert Bania, John Zygo, Joseph Mackerney, Joseph Salengo, Richard Smith, Warren Potter, William Huttenlock, Robert Cyr, Leo Weden, and Frances Rezeck.

Fourth row: Edward Wilder, William Ballard, Alec Alexander, Robert Wener, William Herrick, and Jacob Hyjek.

Class 1958

First row: Conrad Cheney, William Lanfear, Edward Potter, John McDevitt, William Costello, Edward Johnson, Robert Cornelius, George Gilligan, Theodore Giebutowski.

Second row: Robert Parkman, Mary Yatsik, Carol Guertin, Evelyn Carlson, Sandra Grace, Mary Lou Dunlop, Neil Cunningham, Sally Birch, Jean Humphreys, Patricia Fabian, Betty Haven, Theresa Bania, George Janas.

Third row: Francis Zakrzewski, Raymond McCullough, Edith Cameron, Carol Lou Fish, Ethel Austin, Irene Canavan, Theresa Marchinkowski, Lillian Tammi, Louise Swierzewski, Joyce Ewing, Joan Humphreys, Louis Tarnowski, Edward Parker.

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Front row: John Sabotka, John Socinski, Thomas Harrison, Frank Salengo, James Yatsik, William Thompson, Thomas Listzwan, Richard Tretowicz, Michael Harte.

Second row: Edward Hults, Leonard Socinski, Richard Smyrski, Ronald Werchenski, Edward Fabian, Stanley Pietryka, Lester Johnson, Frank Smolinski, John Jankowski, and Thomas Harte.

Third row: William Huttenlock, Joseph Mackerney, George Gilligan, Paul Johnson, William Pecor, William Hults, William Costello and Jacob Hyjek.

Registering three victories and two losses, the 1954 West Rutland High School football team climaxed the Marble Valley League campaign in a three-way tie for second place. Sharing the runner-up spot with the Golden Horde was Woodstock and Fair Haven, while Poultney High School copped the title for the third consecutive season.

For three weeks before the opening whistle, the Horde drilled hard and scrimmaged under the watchful eye of Coach Frank Hinchey.

In addition to the five game MVL slate, the Golden Horde played the traditional opener against the Alumni eleven.

In the opening game twelve seniors started their last season for West Rutland. Members of the starting squad included Dick Smyrski, Lester Johnson, Ronald Werchenski, Johnnie Socinski, Eddie Fabian, Bill Thompson, Frank Smolinski, Tom Listzwan, and Ritchie Tretowicz, seniors. Other fourth year men included Frank Salengo, John Jankowski, and Leonard Socinski.

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The Horde met its match in the lid-lifter losing a 26-0 decision to the star-studded Alumni.

Dick Smyrski and Skip Pietryka sparked the Horde during the entire game, but the varsity failed to penetrate the Alumni forward wall at any time during the clash.

The Westsiders then went on to open the Marble Valley League against Burr & Burton of Manchester. The Hinchey juggernaut tore through the Bulldog line time and again to win their first game, 25-7.

The next game with a powerful and confident Fair Haven squad, saw the WRHS eleven carve out an impressive 12-7 triumph over the Slaters.

The game was nip and tuck from the opening period, and with Dick Smyrski, Lester Johnson and Ronnie Werchenski ripping around the Slater ends and through the line, the Golden Horde came out on the long end of the score, in an exciting and thrilling game.

West Rutland then traveled to Poultney, the home of the league leaders, where the rampant Blue Devils rolled to a 40-6 victory.

Poultney opened the drive on the first play and continued to move in relentless fashion despite the spirited Horde defense.

However, the Horde gained revenge by smothering Middlebury the next tilt, 46-7.

The entire squad played effective roles in the win with Dick Smyrski leading in the backfield; Sonny Fabian and Tom Listzwan formed the bulk of the Westside impregnable forward wall.

Woodstock was the last opponent for the Westsiders in the 1954 season, and the Wasps handed the Hincheymen their second defeat of the League season, 32-14, at Woodstock.

THE SCHEDULE

West Rutland	0	Alumni	26
West Rutland	25	Burr & Burton	7
West Rutland	12	Fair Haven	7
West Rutland	6	Poultney	40
West Rutland	46	Middlebury	7
West Rutland	14	Woodstock	32
Totals	103	Totals	119

Varsity Basketball Squad

Front row: Ronald Werchenski, Richard Smyrski, Edward Fabian, John Socinski, Stanley Pietryka, and Lester Johnson.

Second row: Thomas Listzwan, *Manager*, Francis Salengo, John Broza, Richard Tretowicz, Thomas Harte, and Francis N. Hinchey, *Coach*.

For the first time in 25 years, a West Rutland High School basketball team failed to gain a berth in the Southern Vermont tournament during the 1954-55 campaign. The Hordesmen, who have won the state championship seven out of the last ten years, failed to come up with an impressive record in order to gain an invitation to the post-season playoffs.

Coach Frank Hinchey, who finished his 35th year at Westside, had to start from scratch this year with only one holdover from the previous squad. Following three weeks of practice sessions, Coach Hinchey came up with a starting combination five which wore the spangles of the Horde varsity. Dick Smyrski and Lester Johnson played in the forecourt while Johnny Socinski manned the pivot spot. Eddie Fabian worked at a backcourt position, while Skip Pietryka was the only junior on the regular quintet.

The Horde won only two out of the six games on the pre-Southern Vermont League card.

West Rutland dropped two to Proctor, 41-30 and 54-45. They then split with Pittsford winning, 77-56, while dropping the other at Barstow, 67-52.

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The West Rutlanders travelled downstate where they were beaten, 56-39, by Chester and wound up the pre-loop schedule by setting a new scoring mark as they blasted Randolph High School, 106-27.

The Gremlins then pried the lid off the Southern Vermont League campaign, playing Rutland High School at Rutland. The Raiders came from behind to nip the Horde, 60-43, on a spirited last half drive. Dick Smyrski led the Hincheymen offensively with 14 points, while Skip Pietryka took second honors with nine tallies.

West Rutland then opened at home with the Bennington High School Catamounts. The Westsiders, following a rugged nip and tuck first half which ended in a 25-all tie, came back strong in the last half to clip Ben-Hi, 65-53. Both Dick Smyrski and Eddie Fabian tallied 14 counters, while Ron Werchenski and Skip Pietryka had ten apiece.

In the next home game, the Horde nipped Bellows Falls, 57-56. Trailing, 49-36, in the third period, the Hincheymen, led by Ed Fabian, who scored 17 points in the last half and Dick Smyrski's foul shot after official time had elapsed, managed to slip out of the tight spot with another close victory.

West Rutland then suffered defeat at the hands of powerful Brattleboro, 85-54. Once more Eddie Fabian and Dick Smyrski led the Westside attack with 17 and 14 points respectively.

In the next clash, the Hincheymen met the league leaders, the Springfield High School Cosmos. However, the game did not prove to be a pushover for the Cosmos, as they had to play ball throughout all 32 minutes in order to stave off a tremendous third period rally by West Rutland, before pulling out a 64-57 victory.

Eddie Fabian piled up 23 points while Dick Smyrski and Lester Johnson each accounted for 11 points to lead the losers in the scoring.

West Rutland snapped its losing streak by clipping the Yellow Jackets of Windsor High School, 68-58. West Rutland jumped into a first quarter lead to maintain it through the whole game without any serious threat from the cross-staters. Dick Smyrski, Johnny Socinski and Eddie Fabian paced the Westsiders with 21, 20, and 16 points.

The Westsiders then turned into the homestretch as they met Mount Saint Joseph Academy of Rutland and lost a tough one, 65-56. Ed Fabian once more led in the scoring honors with 21 points while Dick Smyrski came in second with 16.

The Green and Gold closed up the home schedule by losing to Rutland, 59-50, as Ed Fabian again sparked the home club.

In league play, West Rutland finished in a seventh place tie with Bennington. Both schools posted 4-10 records. In the over-all season, the Hordesmen registered six victories and 14 defeats. Fabian, high point man all season, was runner-up in the Southern Vermont League. Pete Beebe of Brattleboro took the crown for the second straight year.

Varsity Baseball

Front row: Ronald Werchenski, Thomas Harrison, Edward Fabian, Richard Smyrski, Richard Tretowicz, Lester Johnson.
Second row: Manager Walter Gill, John Sabotka, Edward Hults, Stanley Pietryka, Robert Parkman, William Huttenlock, Francis Zakrzewski.
Third row: George Gilligan, Philip Jarrosiak, William Costello.

West Rutland	11	Chester	2
West Rutland	3	Fair Haven	6
*West Rutland	13	Proctor	3
West Rutland	5	Mount Saint Joseph	6
West Rutland	5	Burr & Burton	0
West Rutland		Brandon	
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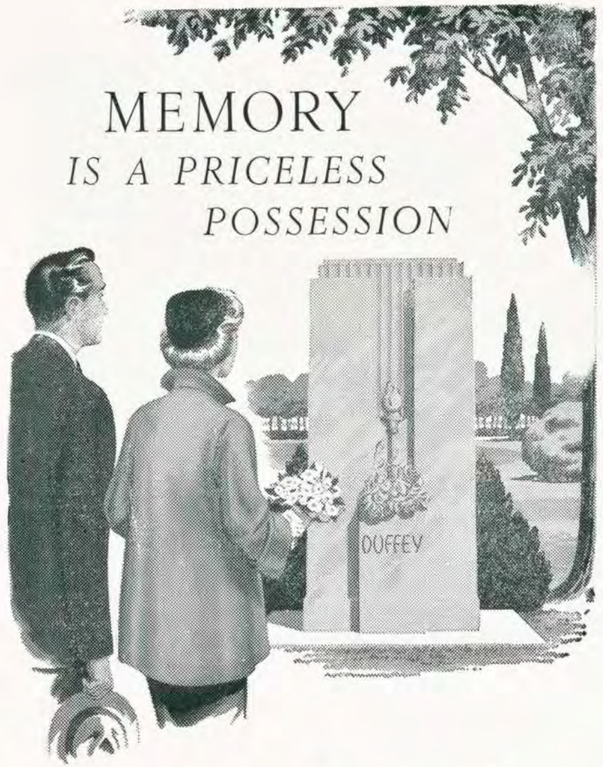

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